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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I was thrilled to learn I had an alternative when selecting an internet provider. I had tried big providers with high costs and horrible customer service and, when my TV didn't work for weeks after opening my account I had had enough. I went dark. I was yearning for rabbit ears and a rotary phone - just access to the basic equipment I needed. But was there a choice other than the "bundle" of stress offered by the big guys?

That was 6 years ago and I have not had any delays, no billing issues, no connectivity issues, no price hikes, no rude service associates and no problems. I didn't think it was possible that this could be so simple, and that's more than I can say for my experience with ATT, Verizon, or Comcast. Not to mention the company I use works with solar so even if their server's power goes out, I don't lose service. That's impressive.

The major contenders in this market sector do a poor job with little regard for the customer and their needs. Why narrow the playing field? And to whose benefit? Certainly not this customer's.

Monopolies are unamerican, let me make my own decisions on who my provider is.

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